Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 167 Unit, Family, and Personal Readiness Program

Marines, Sailors, and Family Members,

I would like to convey my gratitude for your commitment to the "Warriors" of HMLA-167. I am impressed by the dedication and determination you display on a daily basis. Our families play a vital role in the readiness of the "Warriors," and the entire Marine Corps chain of command, from the Commandant of the Marine Corps to here in our squadron, values family readiness, and regards it as integral element of our ability to succeed.

As the Commander, I take personal ownership in our squadron's Family Readiness Program. The program seeks to educate, train, and prepare family members for the challenges of the military lifestyle, and it includes not only the spouses, but also the parents, grandparents, and other significant family members of our Marines. Our Family Readiness Officer (FRO), Mrs. Heather DuBois, is our primary communication link with families during deployments, keeping all informed until we return. She also has access to the full resources and knowledge of the Marine Corps Family Team Building Program; she is available to assist you in finding the resources that you may need.

For the Warriors-you are encouraged to take full advantage of the Family Readiness Program, and should in turn encourage your family members to join the team today. We can focus exclusively on our duties if we are secure that our loved ones are well informed and have access to the full resources of the Family Readiness Program.

For the Families- you have access to the FRO. She can refer you to the substantial resources that are available to assist families. Her office number is (910)449-5938 and cell phone is (910)587-1024. For up to date squadron information and online resources, please call 1-866-242-0064; press 6, then 7 or visit our unit website at www.emarine.org and join our unit!

We will continue to follow the Commandant's guidance: "Marines take care of their own – period. This enduring pledge between Marines is never more sacred than during the time of war. Just as every Marine makes a commitment to the Corps when they earn the title Marine, the Corps makes an enduring commitment to every Marine – and an enduring commitment to their family." We must remember that if our families are not ready, then we are not ready. We will continue to fold our family's welfare into the fabric of our preparation, so that we can focus on our mission – flying and fighting.

"Have Gyns, Will Travel"

LtCol Samuel L. Meyer
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